



February 18, 2014

RE: Support for Proposed DMHAS Budget

Dear Co-Chairs Bye and Walker, and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Traci Cipriano, and I am writing as Director of Professional Affairs for the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA), in support of the proposed budget for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

DMHAS is an essential component in the promotion of the well-being of Connecticut residents, through its recovery-oriented model, and the provision of comprehensive services addressing mental health and addiction, as well as prevention. DMHAS provides much-needed services to residents who lack the financial resources for treatment, and thus would not otherwise be able to access services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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RE: Support for Proposed Budget for the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

Dear Co-Chairs Bye and Walker, and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Traci Cipriano, and I am writing as Director of Professional Affairs for the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA), in support of the proposed budget for the Office of the Healthcare Advocate.

The Office of the Healthcare Advocate is more important than ever, as we begin implementation of the Affordable Care Act through the Connecticut health exchange, Access Health CT. Attorney Veltri and her staff are vital to the implementation process, through their oversight and efforts to ensure compliance with Federal parity law, which translates into ensuring access to mental health services by Connecticut residents insured through the Exchange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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